IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

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For: DRIVE MECHANISM EMPLOYING

> ELECTROMECHANICAL TRANSDUCER AND METHOD FOR CONTOROLLING THE DRIVE MECHANISM (BEING AMENDED TO) DRIVE MECHANISM TRANSDUCER AND METHOD FOR

CONTROLLING THE DRIVE MECHANISM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified application, filed concurrently herewith, please amend this Application as follows:

In accordance with the most recent rule changes, an amendment to the specification is presented herein by presenting a replacement paragraph for the specification, as amended, in clean form. Also, an Appendix entitled "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made," showing the current amendment to the specification is attached hereto.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please delete the title and insert the following:

--DRIVE MECHANISM EMPLOYING ELECTROMECHANICAL TRANSDUCER AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING THE DRIVE MECHANISM--

REMARKS:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed to correct a typing error in the title of the invention.

This Preliminary Amendment does not increase the number of independent claims, does not increase the total number of claims, and does not present any multiple dependency claims. Accordingly, no fee based on the number or type of claims is currently due. However, if a fee, other than the issue fee, is due, please charge this fee to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The following is a marked-up version of the changes to the title which is being made in the attached patent application.

IN THE TITLE:

The title on page 1, lines 1 and 2:

DRIVE MECHANISM EMPLOYING ELECTROMECHANICAL TRANSDUCER AND METHOD FOR [CONTOROLLING] CONTROLLING THE DRIVE MECHANISM